

Senators and Representatives of the State of South Dakota,

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to work on this important issue for the state and her citizenry. This issue is extremely important to our state's future.

It is important to note that district 26 and 27 are being considered for gerrymandering in most of the meetings I've listened to and in the maps that are being proposed in their 2.0 versions. This is not right for our district and the one person one vote constitutional requirement. The 14th amendment of the constitution (which all legislators and myself have taken an oath to uphold) states "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State,"

It is your constitutional duty to make sure that taxpayers of South Dakota are not disenfranchised with the way our district is formed.

These proposals do not meet the standards set forth by the committee of 10 percent deviation +5 or -5.

I've heard the cautions about the Voter's Rights Act and have seen it been dismantled by the Supreme Court yearly. I ask that our state does the right thing and allows district 26 to be a fully populated and fully represented district.

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